



His Majesties gracious Answer to the
foresaid Letter.

William R.

Right Trusty, and right well beloved Cousin and Councillor,
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lors, Right Trusty and well beloved Cousins and Councel-
lors, Right Trusty and well beloved Councillors,
and trusty and well beloved Councillors; We greet you well, We
have received your Congratulatory Letter, upon the Conclusion of
the Peace, and Our safe Return into *Britain*; And We do give you Our
Heartly Thanks, for the Assurance which you give Us in it, of your Duty
and Affection to Our Person and Government, We are also well pleased with
the Accounts We have of your Administration of Our Affairs of that Our
Antient Kingdom, during Our Absence. We have alwayes made it Our
Chiet Care, to Protect all Our Good Subjects, in the full and free Possessi-
on of their Religion, Laws and Liberties; And now, since there is a happy
Period put to the War, and that God Almighty has blessed Us, and Our
Dominions with Peace, We are Resolved to make the Happiness and Pro-
sperity of Our People Our principal Concern. We have convincing Proofs
of your Loyalty, and Fidelity, and We doubt not, but that on all Occasions,
you will continue to do what is necessary for Our Service, and therefore,
you may be assured that We have you under Our particular protection: So
We bid you heartily Farewell.

*Given at Our Court at Kensington, the 30th day of November, 1697.
And of Our Reign the 9th year.*

By His Majesties Command
J. A. OGILVIE.

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